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SUBJECT: NO GOVERNMENT APPEAL AGAINST JUDGES' DECISION IN  
TERRORIST CELL CASE

REF: MANAMA 20 AND PREVIOUS

(SBU) The deadline for appeals in the terrorist cell case (reftels) passed on January 30 with neither the prosecution nor the defense opting to take action. Chief Prosecutor Nawaf Al-Mouada confirmed to Poloff on February 3 that Bahrain's senior-most prosecutor, Ali bin Fadhul Al-Buainain, had decided not to pursue an appeal of the January 16 verdict. For their part, defense attorneys had stated previously that they would not appeal the verdict either, viewing the six-month sentences as the equivalent of an acquittal. Al-Mouada also confirmed that Ishaq Faheem Ishaq Abd al-Rahman, Abdulrahman Mohammad Jaffar Ali, and Ali Eid Muttar Jassim were released shortly after the announcement of the verdict, and, with credit for time served, have completed their sentences.

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